



## James Watt

October 7, 1918 - March 29, 2016

James Morrison Watt, 97, died peacefully at his home on Tuesday, March 29.

Jim was born October 7, 1918, in Chicago, Illinois to Lynn and Ethel Morrison Watt and grew up near St. Louis, Missouri. After graduating from Oberlin College he moved to Zeeland to work for Zeeland Chemical for over 40 years, through many ownership changes. In 1942 Jim married his college sweetheart, Jean Sauer. He was a devoted husband, dad and grandpa and an active community leader, including serving as church treasurer, deacon and elder and a member of the Community Foundation of the Holland/Zeeland Area. He was an avid photographer and enjoyed carpentry, correspondence, music, travel and sports. He will be greatly missed by his family, his dedicated caregivers and his many friends.

Survivors include his daughters Mary Mostaghim, Shirley (Paul) Nyenhuis, Margaret (Robert) Avery, and Barbara (Werner) Jorck, eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 63 years and son-in-law Amir Mostaghim.

Visitation will be on Friday, April 8, 2016 from 4-7 pm at Yntema Funeral Home, 251 South State Street, Zeeland. A celebration of Jim Watt's life will take place on Saturday, April 9, 2016 at 2:30 p.m. at Second Reformed Church, 225 East Central Avenue, Zeeland with Pastor Karsten Voskuil and

Pastor Diane Wyngarden Mugg officiating. He will be buried privately in Zeeland Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Second Reformed Church or a charity of your choice. [www.yntemafh.com](http://www.yntemafh.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *James Watt*

August 31, 2022 at 01:26 PM



“ *"A light has gone out on Division St but not in our hearts..Jim and Jean were one of the most loving and caring couples I have ever known. Caring and compassionate to a fault and silently generous to many, including myself. They are together again...missed but never forgotten !!"*

**Vicki DeJonge** - April 08, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *"Glad he will be reunited with his lovely wife. He was a devoted loving man. God bless his family."*

**Kathy Schreur** - April 06, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *"It has been my pleasure, privilege, and joy to be Jim's #1 cook, secretary, and caregiver for the last decade of his life. Loretta (Lori) Fenske"*

**Lori Fenske** - April 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“Zeeland is a better place because of the many contributions leaders like Jimmy have contributed to the community. Jimmy, was a wonderful man and he sowed so many seeds of goodness in so many of the academics of life. Thanks to him for sharing his time, talents and wealth. Memories of his kindness will live in our hearts...from a friend and former neighbor.....”

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**Thomas Bloemsma** - April 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“As one of Jim's former caregivers who made it possible for him to remain in his home during the last years of his life, I have many fond memories. His love of music, history, old movies and his beloved wife Jean as well as his sense of humor were impressive to me. May he rest in peace.”

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**NINA HILL** - April 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“Memories of long ago fill my mind...the Watt family living upstairs at Church /Lincoln streets, then at the end of Division...A wonderful Mother and Father and 4 delightful daughters. Jim was so much a part of my childhood as a family friend, church volunteer, and a dear friend's Father. He led as his family brought much to the specialness of Zeeland. Sad to see another great person of my parents generation pass.”

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**Rosemary Plewes Bloemsma** - April 01, 2016 at 12:00 AM